

**GENERAL CONVENTION OF THE EPISCOPAL CHURCH 2009
ARCHIVES' RESEARCH REPORT**

RESOLUTION NO.: 2009-A002
TITLE: Amend Rules of Order VII.19
PROPOSER: Joint Standing Committee on Nominations
COMMITTEE: Rules of Order

Directly Related: (attached)

None

Indirectly Related:

None

In preparing this report, the Archives researched the resolutions of General Convention for the period 1976 through 2006, selecting "direct" resolutions that have a substantive bearing on the proposed legislation. Committee members who are interested in obtaining copies of "indirectly related" resolutions, legislative history before 1976, or who require other research assistance should contact the Archives at 800-525-9329 before Convention or at Convention in the General Convention Secretariat.

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- 1 *Resolved*, the House of _____ concurring, That Rule VII.19 on the Joint Standing
- 2 Committee on Nominations be amended as follows:
- 3 19. The Joint Standing Committee on Nominations shall be composed of three
- 4 Bishops, three Presbyters, and six Lay Persons. *Members who are Lay Persons or*
- 5 *Presbyters must be deputies to the most recently concluded General Convention and*
- 6 *will serve throughout the entire triennium of their appointment.*
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EXPLANATION:

This would change the current procedure requiring resignations by Committee members when they cease to be deputies, whether it is because they choose not to stand for election as deputy to the next General Convention or choose to run for election as deputy and are elected an alternate. It is disruptive to the orderly deliberations of the Committee to have its members subject to removal at various times during the triennium. There were four such resignations (one-third of the committee) in 2006-2009. While it makes sense that those who nominate candidates for elections in the House of Deputies themselves be members of the House, it also makes sense to trust the wisdom of those who appoint membership to the Committee to appoint people whose judgment may be respected for a full triennium.